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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 November 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-74 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-74 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:
 - I. Claims 1-12 and 38-44, drawn to a method for aligning a beam projector, classified in class 353, subclass 121.
 - II. Claims 13-37 and 45-74, drawn to a display and/or projection apparatus, classified in class 353, subclass 122.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

Inventions I and II are related as process and apparatus for its practice. The inventions are distinct if it can be shown that either: (1) the process as claimed can be practiced by another materially different apparatus or by hand, or (2) the apparatus as claimed can be used to practice another and materially different process. (MPEP § 806.05(e)). In this case the process or method of aligning a beam projector can be performed using a different display and/or projection apparatus other than the display and/or projection apparatus of invention II. Further, the display and/or projection apparatus can be used to perform a different process or method other than the process or method of aligning a beam projector of invention I.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and the search required for Group I is not required for Group II, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

2. Group I contains claims (1-12 and 38-44) directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

Species I - a method for aligning a beam projector comprising the method step of transmitting an **electrical** signal

Species II - a method for aligning a beam projector comprising the method step of transmitting an **optical** signal

Each species above is further restricted as follows:

- Species (i) – one of the above species with a method step of recording a **horizontal** position of the beam projector
- Species (ii) – one of the above species with a method step of recording a **vertical** position of the beam projector

Each of the above sub-species above is further restricted as follows:

- Species (1) – one of the above sub-species with a method step of computing the **horizontal** position of the beam projector and/or positioning the beam projector to the computed **horizontal** position
- Species (2) - one of the above sub-species with a method step of computing the **vertical** position of the beam projector and/or positioning the beam projector to the computed **vertical** position
- Species (3) - one of the above sub-species with a method step of computing the **tilt angle** position of the beam projector and/or positioning the beam projector to the computed **tilt angle** position

Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable.

3. Group II contains claims (13-37 and 45-74) directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

Species I - a display and/or projection apparatus, wherein each **alignment receptor** includes a **single** optical sensor

Species II(A) - a display and/or projection apparatus, wherein each **alignment receptor** includes a **plurality** of optical sensors arranged into **two intersecting lines**

Species II(B) - a display and/or projection apparatus, wherein each **alignment receptor** includes a **plurality** of optical sensors arranged into a **grid**

Each species above is further restricted as follows:

- Species (i) – one of the above species with a **positioning system** including a **plurality** of stepper motors
- Species (ii) – one of the above species with a **positioning system** including a **vertical** positioner
- Species (iii) - one of the above species with a **positioning system** including a **horizontal** positioner
- Species (iv) – one of the above species with a **positioning system** including a **tilt angle** positioner

Each of the above sub-species above is further restricted as follows:

- Species (1) – one of the above sub-species with an **electrical** signal transmitter and/or receiver.
- Species (2) - one of the above sub-species with an **optical** signal transmitter and/or receiver.

Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable.

Applicant is advised that a reply to this requirement must include an identification of the species that is elected consonant with this requirement, and a listing of all claims readable thereon, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered nonresponsive unless accompanied by an election.

Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species. MPEP § 809.02(a).

Should applicant traverse on the ground that the species are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record

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showing the species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) of the other invention.


Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Rochelle Blackman whose telephone number is (571) 272-2113. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:00-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Judy Nguyen can be reached on (571) 272-2258. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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